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SUBJECT: ROTATING RAIL STRIKES UNDERWAY

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1. THE NON- OPERATING UNIONS COMMENCED LAST WEEK THEIR THREATENED SERIES OF ROTATING STRIKES AGAINST NATION'S RAIL LINES, EACH STRIKE LASTING ABOUT 48 HOURS. FIRST REGION HIT WAS ONTARIO, FOLLOWED BY SECOND STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA, YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES. THIRD BEGAN THIS MORNING IN QUEBEC. NATIONAL PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY BOTH RAILROADS UNTIL TOTAL SYSTEM CAN FUNCTION AGAIN WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. COMMUTER TRAINS AND FREIGHTS SHUT DOWN IN EACH REGION AND MOST TELEGRAPH SERVICES (SUPPLIED BY RAILROADS) LIKEWISE INTERRUPTED. TRUCKING SERVICES OPERATED BY RAILROADS DISRUPTED.

2. IMPACT OF STRIKE SERIES DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON ITS DURATION. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE VARIOUS SHIPPERS ATTEMPTING DIVERT MOVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS, TO TRUCKS. THERE IS PROBABLY A QUESTION OF ABILITY OF TRUCK TRANSPORT SYSTEM
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ADEQUATELY TO RESPOND TO DEMANDS WITHOUT BREAKING LOGISTICS

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PIPELINES ON WHICH MUCH OF THE ECONOMY DEPENDS.

3. GOC HAS NOT YET GIVEN ANY PUBLIC
INDICATION OF HOW SERIOUSLY IT REGARDS THE SITUATION.
IF SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS GOC MIGHT RECALL PARLIAMENT
TO PASS RETURN-TO-WORK LEGISLATION. NO REPORTS AVAILABLE
OF TALKS BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND UNIONS TO END IMPASSE.
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